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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) The lighting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first outgoing direction is set so that light in said first outgoing direction should travel in said planar light guiding body in a perpendicular direction with respect to said cyclic direction.
4. (Amended) The lighting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein light from said linear light guiding body reaches a peak value of luminance when outgoing in a second outgoing direction that is different from said first outgoing direction.